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Proceedings.

HARTFORD, June, 1884.

THE ninth meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was held at the Theological Seminary in Hartford, Conn., commencing at 3 P.M., June 12, 1884.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Ward was called to the chair.

The Committee of Arrangements reported a programme setting apart the evening session for business, notes, and other miscellaneous matters.

The President here arrived and took the chair.

On motion a committee, consisting of Drs. Toy, Gardiner, and Ward, was appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of Prof. Abbot.

The Society then proceeded to the consideration of the papers prepared for the occasion.

Prof. Hartranft asked to be excused from presenting his paper at this meeting.

The first paper read was that of Dr. Harwood on “*Σωτηρία* and its Cognates,” which was followed by some discussion.

At this point Profs. Brown, Lyon, and Hartranft were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The second paper was that by Prof. Beecher on “The Literary Form of the Biblical History of the Times of the Judges,” in the discussion of which various members took part.

The third paper, on “The Order of the Graces, Gal. v. 22 and 23,” was by the Rev. Mr. Cobb.

After the discussion of this paper, the Society, having been invited by the Committee of Arrangements to take tea at the Seminary, at 6 o'clock took a recess until 7.30 in the evening.

Upon reassembling, the Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers:—

President, Prof. Goodwin.

Secretary, Prof. Mitchell.

Vice-President, Prof. Bissell.

Treasurer, Prof. Beecher.

Councillors, Profs. Briggs, Day, Dwight, Short, and Toy.

They were unanimously elected.

The council thereupon recommended the following persons as candidates for membership in the Society : —

Rev. A. A. Wright,	Boston, Mass.
Rev. H. M. Denslow,	Rutland, Vt.
Prof. H. M. Harman,	Carlisle, Penn.
Rev. H. Loomis,	Stoneham, Mass.
Rev. S. S. Kohn,	Boston, Mass.
Prof. M. D. Buell,	Boston, Mass.
Rev. J. H. Coit,	Concord, N.H.
Rev. Thomas Laurie,	Providence, R.I.
Rev. G. S. Burroughs,	New Britain, Conn.
Prof. J. S. Riggs,	Auburn, N.Y.
Rev. Graham Taylor,	Hartford, Conn.
Prof. Llewellyn Pratt,	Hartford, Conn.
Rev. G. F. Genung,	Amherst, Mass.
Prof. T. P. Field,	Amherst, Mass.
Rev. R. S. Green,	Buffalo, N.Y.

They were all elected.

The council here recommended that the next meeting be held in New York during the Christmas holidays, the time and place to be more definitely fixed by a committee consisting of Profs. Francis Brown and Briggs and Mr. Riggs.

The council also asked the Society to provide for the publication of the Constitutions and By-Laws, with a list of members, for distribution, especially to new members. The discussion upon this suggestion gave rise to a motion that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, and report before the close of the meeting. The motion was carried, and Profs. Gardiner, Francis Brown, and Mitchell were appointed a committee for this purpose.

The Treasurer next presented his report, which was duly referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of Profs. Toy and Bissell.

A recess of ten minutes was then taken.

After the recess the committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Prof. Abbot made the following report : —

“The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis desires to put upon record its deep sorrow at the death of Ezra Abbot, one of the founders of the Society, constant in his devotion to its interests, a scholar whose contributions added not only to the value of the Society’s work, but also to the resources of New Testament study

throughout the world, a man whose purity and nobleness won him the love of all his fellow-members."

It was moved that the minute be adopted and a copy of it transmitted to Mrs. Abbot. Dr. Gardiner seconded the motion in a feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased. Similar remarks were made by Drs. Riddle, Goodwin, Ward, Toy, and Bissell. The minute was finally adopted by a rising vote.

The Secretary then called the names of the members present, that any one having a note might have an opportunity to present it. The following were thus elicited : —

One from Prof. Beecher on **נפח** and its derivatives.

Prof. Genung read one on John iii. 8.

Prof. Riddle mentioned several mistakes of the Revisers of the New Testament.

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws next reported a few changes, some of which were adopted. The subject was, however, finally recommitted.

It was voted that the Secretary be authorized to publish, at his discretion, not to exceed five hundred copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, when revised, with a list of members and the necessary information concerning the price of the *Journal*.

At 10 P.M. the Society adjourned.

At 9 A.M. on the following day the Society reassembled, and proceeded at once to consider a new draft of the Constitution and By-Laws which had been prepared by the committee. The result of these deliberations was the adoption of the following : —

CONSTITUTION.

I.

THIS association shall be called "The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis."

II.

The object of the Society shall be to stimulate the critical study of the Scriptures by presenting, discussing, and publishing original papers on biblical topics.

III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom, and five others constitut-

ing with them a Council, shall be elected annually, and hold office until their successors are appointed.

IV.

Members shall be elected by the Society upon the recommendation of the Council.

V.

The Society shall meet at least twice a year, at such times and places as the Council may determine.

BY-LAWS.

I.

It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all the meetings of the Society ; but, in the absence of both of these officers, the Society may choose a presiding officer from the members present.

II.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the members, at least two weeks in advance, of each meeting ; to keep a record of the proceedings of such meetings ; and from time to time, at the discretion of the Council, to superintend the publications of the Society.

III.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds of the Society, and to invest or disburse them under the direction of the Council, rendering an account of all his transactions to the Society at each annual meeting.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the Council to propose candidates for membership ; to fix the times and places for meetings ; to recommend papers for presentation at each meeting ; to select the papers to be published in the *Journal*, and generally to supervise the interests of the Society.

V.

The fee for admission into the Society shall be five dollars, besides which each member shall annually pay a tax of three dollars ; but libraries may become members without the fee for admission, and a donation at one time by a single person of fifty dollars shall exempt the donor from all further payments.

VI.

Each member, in consideration of the annual tax, shall be entitled to receive, without additional charge, one copy of each publication of the Society after his election, in addition to which, if he be a contributor to the *Journal*, he shall receive twenty-five copies of any article or articles which he may have contributed.

VII.

Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may continue in session for the purpose of hearing and discussing papers presented.

The following resolution, supplementary of the By-Laws, with reference to the price at which members may procure extra copies of the *Journal*, was adopted : —

Resolved : That the Secretary be authorized to furnish to members *for the purpose of presentation*, additional copies of any volume of the *Journal*, to the number of ten, at the rate of \$1 a copy, but that the price to persons not members be the amount of the annual assessment.

At the conclusion of these matters of business the fourth paper, by Prof. Toy, on "The Millennium of the Apocalypse," was read and discussed.

The fifth paper, on "1 Sam. i.-xv. in Lagarde's Septuagint," by Prof. Smith, was cut short to give time for the sixth, by Prof. Genung, on "The Righteousness which is by Faith, Rom. x. 4-1."

There were present at one or more of the sessions, the following members : Messrs. Andrews, Beckwith, Beecher, Bissell, Francis Brown, Buell, Burroughs, Cobb, Ferguson, Gardiner, Genung, Goodwin, Hart, Hartranft, Lyon, McCook, Micou, Mitchell, Nordell, Peters, Pratt, Riddle, Smith, Streibert, Graham Taylor, and Ward.

The rough minutes were read and corrected.

The Society adjourned at 12 M.

H. G. MITCHELL,
Secretary.

NEW YORK, December, 1884.

The tenth meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was held at the Union Theological Seminary in New York, on the 30th of December, 1884.

The Society was called to order by the President at 2.40 P.M.

In the absence of the Secretary, Prof. Francis Brown was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported that it had been thought best to hold three sessions: one in the afternoon, a second in the evening, and a third on the following morning. They also recommended that miscellaneous business be made the first order for the second session, and that it be followed by the notes to be presented, the first and last sessions being devoted to the papers and their discussion. The report was adopted.

Since the authors of several papers were absent, it was decided that the reading of the papers begin with the first on the programme whose author was present.

Dr. Hall then exhibited and described "A Recently Discovered Syriac Ms.," owned by R. S. Williams, Esq., of Utica, N.Y.

A paper on "The Date of the Epistle to the Galatians, and Certain Passages in the First Epistle to the Corinthians," by Prof. Warfield, was next, in the absence of the author, read by the Secretary.

Hereupon the order was changed, and opportunity given for presenting notes.

Dr. Hall called attention to an Arabic-French dictionary, published by the Jesuits at Beyrout, 1883.

Prof. Day spoke on the Scandinavian translations of the Bible. He was followed by Prof. Schaff, on the same subject.

Dr. Hall presented a second note on variations in the same edition of certain Greek New Testaments.

At this point, on motion of the Committee of Arrangements, the the Society voted that the recess, when taken, last from 5.30 to 8 o'clock.

Prof. Peters then presented two notes, the first on Isa. iii. 18 f., and the second on Isa. v. 1.

Prof. Bissell referred to his articles on the Laws of the Pentateuch, and to the need of scholarly Old-Testament work. Profs. Briggs, Harper, and Day contributed some comments on the latter of these subjects.

A recess was then taken until 8 o'clock.

When the Society re-assembled in the evening, Dr. Crosby took the chair until the President, who was attending a meeting of the Council, should be at liberty.

On motion, miscellaneous business was postponed until the return of the Council.

Meanwhile Dr. Hall presented an additional note on Wright's "Empire of the Hittites."

At this point, the President resumed the chair, and the Society proceeded to the transaction of business. The following persons were recommended to membership :—

Rev. Roderic Terry,	New York, N.Y.
Prof. H. N. Gardiner,	Northampton, Mass.
Prof. R. D. Wilson,	Allegheny, Penn.
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All these were elected members.

The presentation of notes was then resumed.

Dr. Crosby discussed *ἐξουσία*, 1 Cor. xi. 10.

Dr. Hall exhibited a cast of the Nebuchadnezzar Cylinder in the Metropolitan Museum at New York, and called attention to Francke's "Altes Testament im Johannes-Evangelium."

Two additional notes were read by the Secretary: one on "Colonization in Samaria, under the Sargonidae," by Prof. Lyon; the other on "M⁷ Interrogative," by Mr. Cobb.

The Society now voted to omit the third session, recommended by the Committee of Arrangements, and leave the rest of the papers, whose authors were not present, until the next meeting.

The rough minutes were read and corrected.

There were present at one or both of the sessions the following members :—

Messrs. Beecher, Bissell, Briggs, Francis Brown, C. R. Brown, Chambers, Crosby, Day, H. N. Gardiner, Genung, Gillett, Goodwin, Hall, Harper, Hincks, Jewett, Lansing, Peters, Rice, Schaff, Stevens, Terry, and Woodruff.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS BROWN,
Secretary pro tem.

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